

## REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed October 6, 2004, in which claims 3-10 are allowed over the prior art of record. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments set forth below.

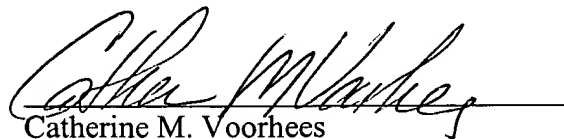
By this Amendment, claims 1-2 are cancelled, claim 7 is revised and new claims 11-18 based on indicated allowed claims 3-10 are presented. The phrase "confirmation frame" is changed to "request frame" as this is the terminology used in claim 7. The new claims are written in the standard U.S. method format and recite the allowed features of claims 3-10. Accordingly, claims 3-18 are pending in the instant application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 3-18 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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